

CLERK: Mr. President, 493 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Chizek. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 21 and referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments by the Judiciary Committee pending. (See committee amendment found on page 1113 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Chairman Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, LB 493 is a bill brought to us by Senator Chizek to increase the penalty provisions for providing alcohol to minors. Senator Chizek, and he will speak to the bill later, is concerned about the ease with which minors can obtain alcohol in Omaha and elsewhere in the state, and brings this bill in to do something about that problem. Now there were a number of amendments adopted by the committee. The first set of amendments deals with warning language that needs to be posted in all bars around the state. That language is found on page 2. The committee basically changed that language to accommodate the increase in the drinking age from 20 to 21 which this body voted last session. Now the committee also made some other amendments pertaining to the penalties for providing alcohol to a minor by a licensee or an employee. It also changed some existing law provisions which are contained on page 3 and 4 of the bill. Probably the most significant of those changes in existing law is eliminating mandatory jail time and a mandatory fine for the manufacturer of false IDs. Other changes, again, are found in the bill. I would call those to your attention and would be pleased to answer questions about it if you have any. With that, Mr. President, I would move the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion...Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? Motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 503...493, isn't it. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote. The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 493. May we have the attention of the legislators, please. We need your assistance on the movement of legislation, or your voting on it. The motion is to adopt the committee amendments to 493. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.